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LIFE PENALTY

KOZO Okamoto, sole survivor of the three gunmen sent to Lod Airport by the Palestine Liberation Front to carry out a random massacre, was sentenced to life imprisonment in a military court yesterday after a meticulous trial. Since 1967 it has been the policy of the prosecution not to ask for the death penalty for terrorists.

Moreover, unlike Adolf Eichmann, who directed the Nazi attempt to liquidate the Jews of Europe, Okamoto did not direct his destructive urge against the Jews as a people but at the world in general, in a cloudy, childish search for a means by which to change the social structure of all countries. In tightly armed and policed Japan he and his group could not expect much success for their ambitions. Together with parallel groups in the Argentine, in Germany and even in Ireland, according to reports, they seek to destroy "everybody" — it is not even genocide, the killing of a people, but a new and vaster crime for which no name has yet been coined.

Responsibility for the crime can be divided into two parts. The moral blame for the killing at Lod rests with the terror organization in the Lebanon, which was even shabbily hoping to be able to conceal the fact that its henchmen were Japanese and not Arabs, so that they might themselves claim such credit as could be obtained from this bloody action which, in the event, took the lives of more than 200 people.

It is not likely that anyone here will forget the fact of this responsibility. One of the most elementary conclusions to be drawn from it is that Israel's first duty to its own citizens — the physical security offered by defensible borders — is our most important need. There is no indication that the new agreements between the Lebanese government and the terror groups will be more effective than in the past. If the terrorists are not kept in check by the government of the area they occupy, direct measures will have to continue and it is difficult to foresee what effect this may ultimately have on the Lebanon.

The killer himself remains as a sombre and sobering example of protest and alienation taken to its ultimate, fanatical conclusion — destroy everybody, anybody, and become a little star in the firmament. Yet this particular cracked and flawed bell now tolls for all nations. It should be studied carefully in the self-proclaimed humanitarians who encourage "protest" for its own sake as though it would remain a gentle beneficial purge. Not all protesters have the stony fanaticism of Okamoto, but a modern weapon can kill in the hands of a misguided child. Okamoto clearly expected to be sentenced to death and wept in the court when he heard he had been sentenced to live with his crime. It is a contemporary tragedy: the innocent die and the guilty must live.

Israel youth basketballers upset Russians

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter: Israel scored a sensational 70-63 victory over the U.S.S.R. last night in its third game in the European youth basketball championship in Sadar, Yugoslavia.

The win was Israel's third, following victories over Poland and Spain. The Russian youth are current European champions. This was the first Israel win over the Soviet Union in any sports to date. The Israeli team scored 20 points against Turkey and Hungary in its group. At half-time, Israel led 34-24. The leading Israeli scorers were Moscovitch (31), Berkovich (19), Zechin (10), Kaminsky (10), and Schwartz (10).

U.S. PRISONERS TAKE 6 HOSTAGES

ALTMORE, Maryland (AP). — inmates at the Maryland Penitentiary seized six hostages, including two prison administrators, as fire broke out at the institution yesterday, a state corrections spokesman said. The penitentiary is located near a waterway in Baltimore, about 30 miles from the Maryland House of Correction, where weekend rioting had broken out.

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Dayan in Knesset Review of closed West Bank areas soon

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter: Defence Minister Moshe Dayan told the Knesset yesterday that in the light of the growing successes in the fight against Arab terrorism, the military authorities would shortly review the state of closed areas in the West Bank. The lands of Akrama village east of Nabulus would be included in this re-appraisal, the Defence Minister said, asking the House to strike off a motion of no-confidence in the Government moved by the New Communist faction.

Military ombudsman bill moved

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter: Defence Minister Moshe Dayan yesterday presented the House with a bill to establish an ombudsman's office in the defence forces. Soldiers will be able — in the case of an alleged injustice — to apply directly to the Ombudsman, and will not, as now, be forced to lodge complaints through their direct superiors.

Mr. Yosef Tamir (Gahal), who was instrumental in formulating the original ombudsman bill, said that in order for the new post to be effective, it was imperative that the Army ombudsman be as "civilian as possible." The military ombudsman, if the bill is not changed in the second and third readings, will be responsible only to the Minister of Defence. The Defence Minister also presented a bill — which was later sent to Committee — which would release employees from the obligation of having to take back soldiers they employed prior to induction. The logic behind this, he said, was that employers would no longer refuse to employ 17-year-olds on the grounds that it was not worth their while.

Spassky resigns, giving Fischer his first win

REYKJAVIK. — World Chess Champion Boris Spassky yesterday resigned on the 42nd move when the third adjourned game was contained in the main hall here. German arbiter Lothar Schmid opened the brown sealed envelope with the move U.S. challenger Bobby Fischer had written down Monday night. Schmid then moved Fischer's bishop to Q6 and checked Spassky's king.

The Russian champion took one quick look at the board and turned over his king, giving the game to his opponent. He thus cut his lead in the 24-game tournament to one point.

Spassky walked off the stage as the 2,500-seat auditorium sat in silence. The Russian had lost his first game ever to the capricious Fischer.

Fischer was not present on the stage during the five-minute episode but arrived at the hall 10 minutes later. His move had been predicted as the winning move by all grandmasters watching the game. Earlier in the day arbiter Lothar Schmid accepted a Russian protest and moved the adjourned third game back into the main hall.

"Mr. Spassky had agreed to play there for one session only and felt the conditions were very poor. He said there was noise from the streets outside. I weighed the two playing venues against each other and decided to move the third game back into the big hall," Schmid said. The game was moved backstage on Sunday after Fischer had protested against the presence of television cameras.

Fischer's second, Father William Lombardy, had said the move back to the main hall would not affect his coming to the hall for the end of the third game. "Why shouldn't he?" Father Lombardy said. "Bobby's going to win this game." (UPI, AP)

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Libya's Col. Mu'ammer Gaddafi (left) grins as he shakes hands with his new Premier, Major Abdel Salam Jalloud, after a new Cabinet was sworn in Sunday. (AP radiophoto)

Sadat sends envoy back to Libya

By ANAN SAFADI, Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter: Egyptian President Anwar Sadat yesterday sent a special representative on another rush mission to Libya where a power struggle still seemed to be taking place despite the announcement of a new government. This was the second trip to Libya by the representative, Ashraf Marwan, within only three days.

There was no elaboration from Cairo on Marwan's mission, but the Middle East News Agency said that he was carrying an "important" message from Sadat to Libyan head of state Mu'ammer Gaddafi.

An evident crisis within the Libyan ruling hierarchy seemed to have been suspended Sunday night with the announcement of a new cabinet in which Gaddafi surrendered the premiership to Libya's second-in-command, Abdel Salam Jalloud, the Defence Minister, which Gaddafi previously held along with the chairmanship of the Revolutionary Command Council, was left out of the cabinet.

(AP reports from Washington that a U.S. State Department official said yesterday some disputed issues among members of the Revolutionary Council in Libya may still remain unresolved. They stressed they had no independent information but added they were not assuming the crisis was over.)

Lebanon, Syria ask U.N. move on P-o-Ws

UNITED NATIONS. — Lebanon and Syria yesterday renewed their request for an immediate Security Council meeting to take up the release of Syrian and Lebanese captives captured by Israel on June 21. Ambassador Carlos Ortiz de Rozas of Argentina, the July Council president, immediately began consultations with the Council's other 14 members on the possibility of a meeting at 9.30 p.m. (local time) today.

Ambassador Edouard Ghorra of Lebanon and George Tomeh of Syria saw Mr. Ortiz de Rozas yesterday morning and renewed the formal request they submitted on July 5 for a Council meeting. They did not press their demand for a meeting then because U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim and Undersecretary General Roberto Guyer of Argentina undertook to exercise good offices with Israel to obtain release of the officers, five Syrians and one Lebanese captured in a border raid against a terrorist base within Lebanon. (While Syria and Lebanon are seeking the release of their officers Israel is pressing for a general prisoner exchange to include ten Israelis held in Egypt and some 60 Egyptians held in Israel.)

AFTER MIDNIGHT
Irish Republican Army gunmen have suspended operations against the British Army in the Lonsdale Avenue neighborhood of Belfast, a local Roman Catholic leader said last night. (See earlier story, Page 2)

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Okamoto gets life sentence

By YITZHAK OKED, Jerusalem Post Reporter: ZEFIN. — Kozo Okamoto was yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment for his part in the Lod Airport massacre after both the prosecutor and defence counsel, in their final pleas, asked the three-man military tribunal to spare his life.

In passing sentence the president of the court, Sgan Aluf Avraham Frisch, said that though capital punishment exists in many countries, "Israel has observed its abolition of the death penalty in 1954 but for one case" (Adolf Eichmann).

"Because the prosecutor has asked us not to impose such a sentence, it does not seem right for us to go beyond his request even though that is what justice demands," the Judge said.

The young Japanese, who according to his attorney had destroyed his own case, received a life sentence on each one of the three charges against him that carried a maximum penalty of death. (See verdict, page 3) He was sentenced to 10 years in jail on the fourth charge, performing a service for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Before retiring to consider its sentence, the court had found Okamoto guilty of being part of a Japanese suicide team that killed 26 persons and wounded 72 others in a submachinegun and hand grenade attack in the Lod Airport terminal on May 30. Sixteen of the dead were Puerto Ricans who had come to Israel on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

"The accused fully admitted carrying out the deeds attributed to him, the verdict read. "From his remarks it can be understood that he undertook the action of his own free will and in full conscience."

In his final plea the prosecutor, Sgan-Aluf David Yisraeli, said: "It seems to me that in the face of the moral stoniness of the defendant and his dispatchers, we may allow ourselves — out of a full sense of our moral strength and full confidence in our might — even at this time, to restrain ourselves and not use the full penal

Common Mart ministers meet Monetary reformers set aims

LONDON. — Key ministers from the 10 countries of the new Common Market agreed yesterday that a reformed international monetary system should be based on fixed but adjustable exchange rates and a general convertibility of currencies. Anthony Barber, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced the series of objectives after the first day of a two-day conference at Lancaster House in London. He pointed out that these objectives have been adopted by countries with a population of 255 million and representing 40 per cent of world trade.

The objectives did not refer specifically to the future of the U.S. dollar, but the requirement for convertibility drew attention to the fact that the dollar has not been convertible since last August.

Sources said the ministers had not made a decision on suggestions that the six Common Market countries should, jointly or separately, "float" their currencies against the dollar. Such a "float" would mean the Common Market countries would stop buying up millions of unwanted dollars as they did last week, in an effort to keep up its parity.

Egypt and Spain sign trade protocols

CAIRO (AP). — Egypt yesterday signed three trade protocols with Spain, amounting to \$74m. It was officially announced.

The first protocol is for \$25m. for the purchase of raw material and construction goods during the current year; the second, for the same purpose but for \$30m. for next year; and the third totalling \$19m. is for the importation of equipment needed for Egyptian projects, the official Middle East News Agency said.

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Social and Personal

President Zalman Shazar yesterday received for a farewell call the departing British Ambassador, Mr. John Barnes, who also called on the Minister of Police, Mr. Shlomo Hillel.

Mr. Friedrich Seib, Resident Representative of the U.N. in Ethiopia, and members of a Montreal Study Mission group of the U.J.A. under the leadership of Messrs. E. Bronfman and N. Scott, visited the Hebrew University, calling on the Vice-President, Mr. Bernard Cherrick.

Mr. & Mrs. Nathan I. Lipson, co-chairman of the International Committee of the Israel Festival, held a reception at their home in Yemin Moshe, Jerusalem, for the artists and guests at the opening of the Festival after the concert Saturday night at Binyanei Ha'oma.

The dedication of the Marsha and Stanley E. Stern and Children Forest took place yesterday in the Adullam region in the presence of Mr. Meyer Persin, President-JNF America, Mr. Abram Salomon, Executive Vice President, Mr. Mendel N. Fisher, Secretary-Consultant, and members of the Stern family.

The Holon Lions Club has elected the following new officers: Mr. Michael M. Frank, President, Mr. Izhak Zur, Vice President, and Mr. Ephraim Baruch, Secretary.

The Jerusalem Vocal Newspaper programme this Friday night at 9 in Beit Ha'am will consist of a talk by Mr. Aryeh Dulzin of the Jewish Agency Executive on "The People and the State," and of Mr. Yoav Biran of the Foreign Ministry speaking on "Jews in Arab Lands." The Moderator will be Mr. Moshe Kalbheim.

Dr. Emanuel Rubin, of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, will lecture on "Correlation of Structural and Functional Alterations in the Liver" today, at 12.15 p.m., in Lecture Hall G, Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, Ein Karem, Jerusalem.

Asked if discussions would cover the Middle East, Mr. Waldheim said he assumed, "We will discuss the trouble spots and it is evident that the Mideast is among them."

After speaking briefly with newsmen, Mr. Waldheim was led by Mr. Gromyko to a waiting limousine and drove off into town behind a motorcycle police escort.

The Secretary-General did not specify the U.N. problems which he hoped to tackle here, but before leaving Vienna for Moscow he mentioned the question of U.N. membership for divided nations such as Germany and Korea and U.N. finances.

BEIRUT (UPI). — Palestinian terrorist leader Yasser Arafat flew to Moscow yesterday, the Iraqi News Agency said. He and his accompanying delegation will hold talks on ways of greater Soviet political and military support to the resistance movement, the agency said.

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Jane's editor reports Soviet 'supernavy' threatens U.S.

NEW YORK (AP). — An authority on seapower says that the Soviet Union now possesses a "supernavy" capable of posing serious threats to U.S. interests. He says the time is at hand for the U.S. to weigh the real meaning of Soviet seapower in terms of Moscow's world goals and determine what to do about it.

British make offer to Belfast families

BELFAST (UPI). — Britain offered to withdraw its troops from Belfast's Lenadoon area if local Roman Catholics persuaded I.R.A. gunmen to leave. The offer came as hundreds of Roman Catholic families stayed away from their Belfast homes to protest the presence of British troops.

Chile asks U.N. probe of ITT 'interference'

GENEVA. — Chile yesterday accused the International Telephone and Telegraph (ITT) company of having tried to overthrow its government. It demanded a U.N. investigation into the political doings of such multinational corporations.

Failure of U.S. hijacks 'proves their futility'

WASHINGTON (UPI). — There have been 16 hijackings of aircraft for ransom in the U.S. this year and all of them have ended with the pirates being arrested, killed or living under a foreign government.

Lebanon arrests 3 for sabotage

BEIRUT (UPI). — Lebanese security forces Sunday arrested three persons on sabotage charges. Acting Interior Minister Jamil Kibbe said yesterday.

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ing expert on naval capacities of the chosen to bypass carriers and concentrate on antiship missile forces, including surface craft, submarines and land-based aircraft.

During the past five years the Soviets have put to sea more classes of submarines and surface warships, radars and missile systems than the West, demonstrating that great momentum exists in Soviet research, development, design and production, says Mr. Polmar.

Idi Amin deports honoured British civil servant

KAMPALA (UPI). — President Idi Amin has said a senior British civil servant was deported from Uganda last week as a security risk.

Rains caused 370 deaths in Japan

TOKYO (AP). — Heavy rain which triggered landslides and caused major floods in most areas of Japan in the past two weeks killed a total of 370 persons, Japanese officials reported yesterday.

U.S. less dangerous in Peking's eyes

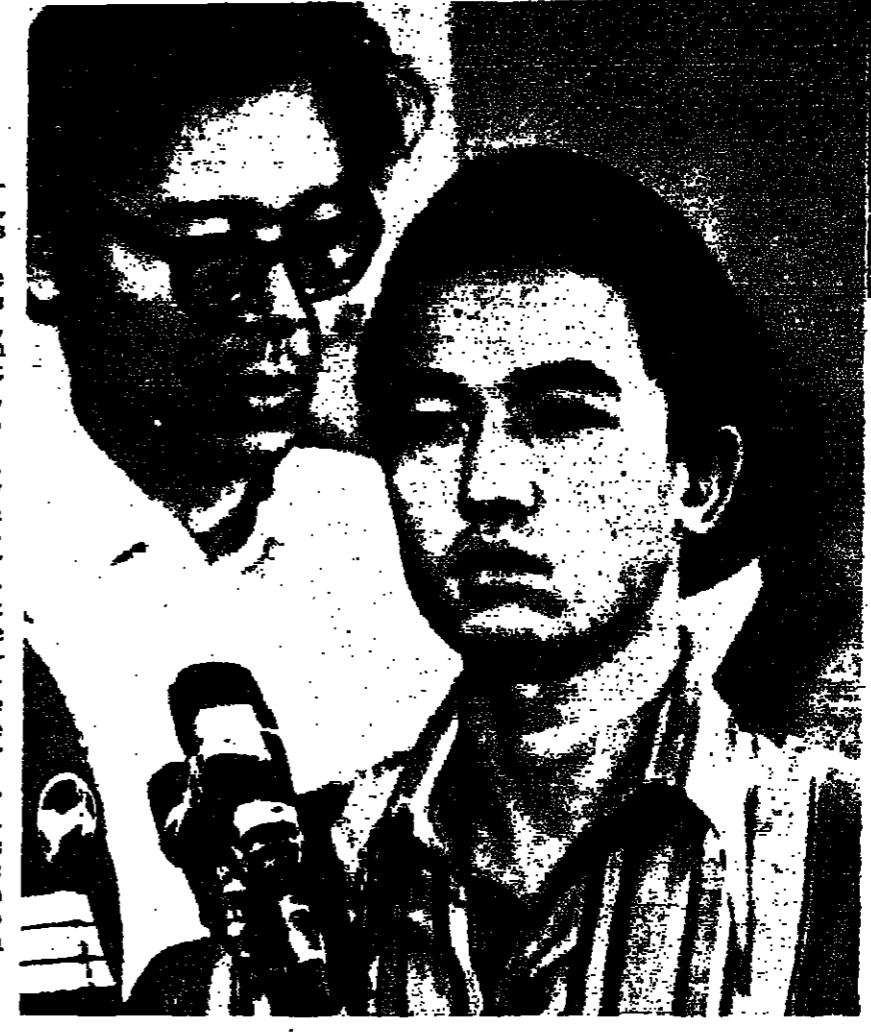
WASHINGTON (AP). — Intelligence agencies have informed the White House that Peking has lowered the U.S. to No. 4 on its list of potential threats to Communist China's security, says "U.S. News and World Report."

Beirut sues French firm for withholding missiles

By JACK MAURICE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent. PARIS. — Future French arms sales to Arab governments are threatened by a law suit which Lebanon has brought against the Thomson-Houston firm here for failing to deliver "Crotale" ground-to-air missiles for use against the Israeli air force.

Man-eating tiger hunted in India

NEW DELHI (UPI). — Troopers of the Indo-Tibetan border police force have been pressed into service to hunt down a man-eating tiger that has killed 32 persons in the Kumbhari Hills of Northern India.



Kozo Okamoto listens as the guilty verdict is translated to him.

Okamoto was presented with his life as a gift. Asked if he would exercise the prerogative given him by the court to appeal, he replied: "Okamoto may appeal the lightness of the sentence. I surely will not."

S. Vietnamese mauled in Quang Tri fighting

SAIGON. — South Vietnamese forces heavily fortified heart of the province yesterday to extricate the remnants of two paratroop companies cut off and badly mauled on the southern fringes of Quang Tri City, field reports said.

Resignations of Dutch ministers shake government

THE HAGUE (UPI). — Two cabinet ministers submitted their resignations to Prime Minister Barend Biesheuvel yesterday, splitting apart the five-party government carefully put together after last year's general elections.

Intellectuals tried in Prague for subversion

VIBENNA (AP). — A group of intellectuals, known as supporters of former liberal Communist party chief Alexander Dubcek, went on trial in Prague yesterday on subversion charges, the Czechoslovak news agency CTX reported.

KEEP RUNNING... YEOVIL, England (UPI).

Two youths at a local reform school turned out for an athletics meeting Sunday and just kept running. Police said yesterday they were searching for the pair, both in their late teens, who were last seen wearing shorts and track shoes.

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Sadat aide meets with U.S. diplomat

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter. Egyptian President Anwar al-Sadat's aide for national security affairs yesterday held talks with U.S. diplomatic representative in Cairo, Joseph N. Greene.

Daley hints support of McGovern

CHICAGO. — Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley, whose delegate to the Democratic National Convention was unseated by Iowa voters, said yesterday, "I will support the entire Democratic ticket."

U.S. loan of \$3.5m. for Sudanese roads

CAIRO (UPI). — The U.S. Export-Import Bank has agreed in principle to give Sudan a loan of \$3.5 million to implement several road projects.

KGB warns its athletes of Olympic 'provocateurs'

MOSCOW (AP). — Soviet security police have warned the Soviet Olympic team that U.S. agents and an "army of slanderers and provocateurs" will be lurking in Munich this summer.

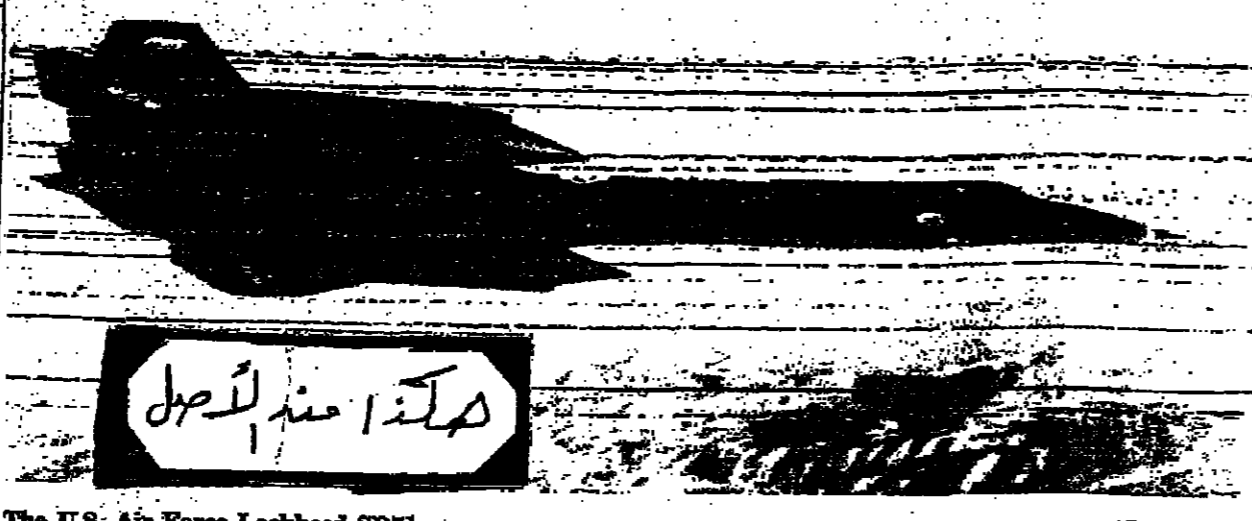
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Hanoi orders mobilization for labour

HANOI (AP) — North Vietnam has ordered complete compulsory work mobilization of all persons capable of working and warned that those who do not obey "will be forced" to carry out any tasks assigned them, Radio Hanoi reported yesterday.

The Vietnamese language broadcast told the people that compulsory work mobilization for six months to two years was necessary to "meet the present serious situation now facing the nation" — an obvious reference to the need to counter and repair damage done by intensive U.S. air raids.

"All citizens who have the strength and the ability to work must absolutely carry out the state mobilization orders and serve in any capacity or any mission assigned to them by the state," said the announcement. "Those who do not want to work or do not carry out the state's orders will be forced to do so in order to be useful to our society in accordance with the regime of compulsory work for a period of six months to two years," the order warned.



The U.S. Air Force Lockheed SR71.

(AP radiophoto)

U.S. JET BREAKS SPEED RECORD

WASHINGTON (AP) — A three-engine U.S. Air Force SR71 reconnaissance jet, flying at more than 100 feet long, has set a record for sustained speed at high altitudes.

An Air Force citation said the airplane was flown April 26, 1971, on a record 10 1/4-hour flight, a distance of 15,000 miles at speeds over Mach 3 and altitudes above 80,000 feet.

Mach 3 is three times the speed of sound, or more than 2,000 miles an hour. "This flight established new and exceptional records of duration and total distance covered,

and proved the extended supersonic reconnaissance capability of the SR71, thereby adding significantly to the security of the U.S.," the Air Force said in citing the two-man crew who received the top Air Force flight award, the Mackay Trophy.

Other planes have flown higher and faster, but never before for such a long time at extreme speeds. The Lockheed-bulk SR71, fashioned largely of titanium, is virtually a huge fuel tank feeding a Pratt and Whitney J58 engine.

Each crew member wears a pressure suit weighing about 40 pounds and never before had airplane pilots

worn the bulky suit in such a small cockpit for such a long time.

The record-setting mission, flown out of Beale Air Force base, Marysville, California, included two round trips across the northern and central U.S. and a complete circle of the western states, the equivalent of a nonstop flight from San Francisco to Paris and return.

The pilot was Lt. Col. Thomas B. Estes, 38, of Eubank, Kentucky, and the navigator was Maj. Dewain C. Vick, 38, now a Lieutenant Colonel, of Lorain, Ohio. They are with the Ninth Strategic Reconnaissance Wing at Beale.

OKAMOTO VERDICT

Here is an unofficial translation of the verdict in the trial of Kozo Okamoto.

Before the judges: Lt.-Col. Avraham Frisch — President; Lt.-Col. Baruch Arbel — Judge; Lt.-Col. Ram Evron — Judge.

The Chief Military Prosecutor v. Kozo Okamoto — the accused.

Verdict

1. On 29.5.1972, at approximately 22.00 hours, the accused, with two comrades Okudeira Takashi and Yasuda Yasuki arrived at Lod Airport, aboard an Air France aircraft on a flight from Rome. The three stood together nearby the conveyor belt carrying luggage of passengers who arrived on the said flight. When their suitcases arrived, they took out three assault rifles, ammunition magazines and hand-grenades.

Immediately after this, the three opened automatic fire towards people who were at the time at the customs hall and its surroundings, as well as throwing hand-grenades at these same people. The accused, after shooting outside the customs hall went inside the aircraft parking area, fired and threw hand-grenades at two nearby aircraft. After this he was caught and arrested.

These deeds of the accused and his comrades turned that night into a night of blood and death. As has been proven before us, 34 persons were killed and 72 others wounded as a result of the shooting and throwing of hand-grenades. Among the casualties were 16 killed and 27 injured from a group of 88 men and women from Puerto Rico who arrived as tourists aboard the same plane as did the accused and his friends.

2. The two friends of the accused found their death during the course of the attack, while the accused, as said, was caught and taken for interrogation. With the conclusion of the interrogation, a charge sheet was presented against the accused, containing four charges as follows:

Charges

First charge — Membership of a group which discharged firearms and threw grenades under Regulation 58 (D) of the Defence (Emergency) Regulations, 1945. The above-mentioned accused, on May 30, 1972, at Lod Airport, was a member of a group, composed of himself and two other members, who together with himself have committed offences against Regulations 58 (A) and 58 (E) of the Defence (Emergency) Regulations, 1945, and thus caused the death of 24 persons and the wounding of 72 others.

Second charge — Discharging a firearm, under Regulation 58 (A) of the Defence (Emergency) Regulations, 1945, as at said time and place, together with another two persons, discharged an automatic firearm, at the passengers and visitors present at the place.

Third charge — Grenades throwing, under Regulation 58 (E) of the Defence (Emergency) Regulations, 1945, as at said time and place, together with another two persons, threw hand-grenades with the intention to cause death or injury to persons or damage to property.

Fourth charge — Performing a service for an unlawful association, under Regulation 85 (1) (C) of the Defence (Emergency) Regulations, 1945, as at said time and place, through his behaviour, described in his first, second and third charges, performed a service for an unlawful association, that is for the "Popular front for the Liberation of Palestine."

In proof of these charges the prosecution presented a series of witnesses and other evidence, on

the basis of which it is possible to reconstruct in a general manner the planning stages and the details of execution of the action. Among the evidence presented were two confessions made by the accused to the police. These confessions omit many details, but as for what is contained in them, deserve in our opinion, to be given full weight; other evidence as well as the declaration of the accused in the court, complement these confessions and support the main points.

3. The accused is a Japanese and his two partners were Japanese. In February, 1970, through his brother Takashi, a connection was made between the accused and an organization called "The United Red Army Organization," and the accused joined the said organization as a member. In September 1971, an official of the said organization asked the accused if he would be prepared to go to Beirut in Lebanon, to receive military training, and the accused agreed to do so. Two months later, he was involved with the shooting of a man connected with the organization "The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine," and thus became acquainted with this organization.

In February, 1972 he was asked by letter to leave Japan at the end of the same month and to fly from Tokyo via Vancouver to New York, and before that to contact by telephone a source from whom he would receive instructions. The first mission given him was to fly from New York to Paris in the first class of an El Al 747 aircraft, to learn well the arrangements employed on the aircraft, and to report on this on arrival in Beirut. On 29.5.1972, he departed from Tokyo on a flight to Vancouver and Montreal, and after four days arrived at New York. He attempted, without success, to book a seat on an El Al 747 aircraft, and having no alternative, flew to Paris on an El Al 707 aircraft, paying attention to the security arrangements employed aboard. After a stay of one day in Paris, he departed for Beirut via Rome.

In Beirut, he first stayed in the Siblos Hotel, in which police he made contact with another Japanese, Okudeira Takashi, and according to the latter's instructions moved after three days to the Pavillon Hotel. After one week, the accused and Okudeira travelled to Bealbek, and there were joined by another Japanese, Yasuda Yasuki. At this place, the three went through weeks of physical fitness training, intensive and varied firing training using different types of weapons, among them the Kalashnikov assault rifle, and training in the use of explosives and hand-grenades.

At a certain stage, a fourth Japanese, Maruka Osamu, joined the group. Abu-Hilja, a Popular Front instructor and known as a participant in the attack on the El Al aircraft in Zurich, took active part in the training of the Japanese.

On 16.5.1972, Okudeira announced that the group would carry out an attack in Lod Airport. From that point on, the exercises concentrated on specific training pertaining to this mission. On 23.5.1972, the accused and Okudeira departed for Beirut and from there for Paris and Frankfurt. In Frankfurt, Okudeira gave the accused a forged passport in the name of "Namba Deisuka," and from that point on, the accused used this passport. On 24.5.1972 they met another participant, Yasuda, and all three travelled by train from Frankfurt to Rome. They stayed in Rome until 30.5.1972. On that day, the accused received a suitcase containing an assault rifle and hand-grenades.

In the afternoon hours, the three left for Rome airport and boarded an Air France aircraft which was about to depart for Lod. The air-

craft landed at Lod at 23.00 hours approximately. All three held forged passports for this flight. The accused was designated "Deisuka Namba," Okudeira was "Giro Sagesaki," and Yasuda was designated "Kan Torio." Each one of them also had an Arab designation (that of the accused was "Ahmed").

After passing through passport control, and according to the predetermined plan, the accused entered the lavatory and tore out his photograph from his passport. It appears that his comrades did the same. While waiting for the luggage, they added an additional item to the plan, i.e. to strike at an aircraft which stood on the apron not far from the customs hall.

When the suitcases arrived, the three extracted from them the weapons and hand-grenades, took up positions and began to shoot with automatic fire and to throw hand-grenades at the people around them. The accused described this as follows: "I must add that when fire was opened I saw many people falling on the floor. Afterwards I opened fire in the direction where many people stood."

The horrible results of the action have been referred to at the opening of this verdict. The accused even continued his activity, left the customs hall, fired and threw two hand-grenades towards two aircraft parked nearby, an S.A.S. aircraft and an El Al aircraft.

Confessions

4. The main substance of these same events was given by the accused in his two confessions to the police and which were written in his own handwriting. But on the events of the said night, we also heard direct evidence from eye witnesses: Mr. Jose Abner Muntus Vega, head of the tourist group from Puerto Rico, Mr. Zvi Rom, Miss Ahuva Gast and Mr. Haman Zeitun, and we have no doubt in the reliability of this evidence.

Both Mr. Rom and Miss Gast identified the accused as one who stood inside the customs hall with a weapon held close to his waist and firing upon people around him. Mr. Zeitun was at the time outside and noticed a man leaving the hall and firing on the two aircraft and throwing hand-grenades. Mr. Zeitun pursued the man, caught him and held him until he handed him over to the security people. This man has been identified as the accused.

5. The three assault rifles employed were taken, examined and presented as exhibits in the trial. These are assault rifles of Czechoslovak manufacture VZ-58, 7.62 calibre, M-43. Among them was the rifle which the accused identified as the one which he used. In addition, nine magazines were found, among them magazines which the accused identified as magazines which were in his use. One hundred thirty-three bullet casings dispersed in the area were collected. Examination showed that these bullets were shot from the weapons captured, while 35 of these casings were fired from the weapon fired by the accused.

6. The accused openly admitted in court the performance of the deeds with which he is charged and has made no attempt to shirk responsibility for them. From his words, it is understood that he undertook his task willingly and in full awareness, that the execution fitted the predetermined plan, and that the results fitted the intentions.

Already at the opening of the trial, the accused stated that "on 30.5.72, in Lod I fired together with my two comrades... but I don't know how many people I killed." And in his declaration he stated: "My responsibility together with the two comrades, the responsibility for the people killed is responsibility to the end... I admit what we have done."

In the defence, the accused chose

to make a declaration without oath. The main substance of his declaration comprised a mixture of immature ideas, concerning his and his friends' frustration with existence in the modern world, and especially with the social structure and the regimes of his own and other countries; while the remedy to this situation could come in their view, by "murder and destruction of all."

In the few remarks devoted to the events under review in this trial, the accused said that "The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine" put forward the suggestion to the accused to execute the murderous attack in Lod Airport. The people of "The Red Army Organization" viewed this as an "opportunity to appear before the world." Thus in view of the common interest found, they were willing to accept the offer of the "Front," and to execute the mission by the deeds described above.

7. The deeds attributed to the accused have been proved beyond all reasonable doubt. They represent the offences with which he has been charged. We therefore find the accused guilty of these offences.

Uganda and Somalia rap 'sinister Israel machinations'

MOGADISHU, Somalia (Reuter). — The Somalian and Ugandan Heads of State in a joint communique issued here yesterday condemned Israel for "sinister machinations to undermine the freedom and security of the African peoples."

The communique, issued after a six-day visit to Somalia by President Idi Amin of Uganda, also said both sides denounced Israel for "its deliberate interference in the internal affairs of Uganda," and viewed Israel as having imperialistic designs in Africa.

Both sides urged an American withdrawal from Indochina, and Israel's withdrawal from occupied Arab territories which they said was stipulated in a U.N. Security Council resolution.

According to the Somalia Radio, Amin told reporters before leaving Mogadishu that Uganda was fully in favour of the enlargement of the East African Community, in which it shares membership with Kenya and Tanzania.

"The bigger the East African Community becomes, the better" the radio quoted him as saying. Somalia has applied for membership of the community, and Sudan has also expressed an interest in joining. The radio noted that the authority had not met since Amin came to power 15 months ago, but made no other comment.

According to the radio, Amin said that Ugandans had been alerted against the encroachments of imperialists and Zionists, who infiltrated African states through "charities, churches, foreign aid and hiring local agents."

This infiltration could be smashed through hard work and self-reliance, as was being done in Somalia, the radio quoted Amin as saying.



Patrolman holds submachine gun found near the bullet-riddled body of underworld figure Thomas "Tommy Ryan" Ebohi, in Brooklyn on Sunday. Ebohi, 61, right, has been identified by the U.S. Justice Department as an underboss in the Mafia family of the late Vito Genovese.

(AP radiophoto)

Libyans must have hair cut

BEIRUT (UPI). — Libya's fashionable youth have been told to trim their hair and wear more sober clothes. If they don't they could end up undergoing several weeks of army-style training.

The Libyan News Agency said in a dispatch from Tripoli yesterday that the police have started a campaign in the capital and in summer resorts "against long-haired youths who wear narrow clothes."

Unless they followed police instructions to cut their hair and change their garb "it was decided to take the youths to barracks for (military) training in popular resistance."

The agency quoted a government official as saying, "this campaign is within the framework of a plan to give young people a just spiritual and moral education within Islam and reject every imported foreign tradition."

Air 'pirates' wanted toys

SAPPORO, Japan (AP). — Police detained two 14-year-old boys Sunday after their ninth phone call threatening to blow up a jet airliner was traced. Police said the two boys demanded about \$32,500 from the All Nippon Airways, whose Boeing 727 was the target of the bomb threat while en route from Tokyo to this city's airport.

The boys claimed they had an accomplice aboard the plane. They were caught making the phone call from one boy's home.

"We wanted the money to buy plastic model planes and got the bomb threat idea from watching television programmes showing skyjacker incidents," police quoted the boys as saying. The threat forced the airliner with 121 persons aboard to make an emergency landing at Sendai airport, halfway to its destination from Tokyo.

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There can be little on the community that is now left unsaid. The reader is left with the feeling that he has met all its Jews and has participated in all their activities and their disputes. The second volume of appendices contains all the synagogue regulations, all the ship-captains, all the house-owners, all the synagogue officials, all the Bridgrooms of the Law, as well as all the marriages in the history of the community.

Conflict

The work was sponsored by the major congregation, but this led to conflicts of views with the author. At the outset, Dr. Emmanuel complains of the censorship imposed by the Parnassim, who made 70 deletions, and notes: "Like most people of Spanish-Portuguese background, they clung tenaciously to the principle of Victorian Filippietism, which is to omit anything that might cast a shadow on the established good reputations of the people portrayed." In view of some of the more startling information recorded, one wonders what was suppressed.

HISTORY OF THE JEWS OF THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES by Isaac S. and Suzanne A. Emmanuel. Cincinnati, American Jewish Archives, and N.Y., Ktav, 2 vols. 1165 pp. \$35.

Reviewed by Geoffrey Wigoder

The main difference of opinion between the author and the community came over his attitude to the modern period. When the ancient Sephardi congregation merged with the Reform congregation and went Reconstructivist in 1863, Dr. Emmanuel (a former rabbi of the congregation) regarded this as a betrayal of its ancient traditions. His description of these developments is unashamedly and disarmingly partisan. The compromise reached with the sponsoring congregation is the insertion of an introductory sentence to the relevant chapter stating that the congregation does not share all the views expressed by the authors (which is doubtless putting it mildly). And while the often-violent views expressed in this chapter are not those of a detached historian, there is no pretence at impartiality and the reader is aware that he is reading a polemic which apart from adding interest, in the end does credit to both sides.

Out of all the detail a remarkable amount of absorbing — and even entertaining — material emerges. The Jews of Curacao have the longest continuous history in the Americas, their synagogue is the oldest existing one in the Western Hemisphere, and until 1825 Curacao was the largest Jewish centre in the Americas, and many other communities — from the U.S. to Eretz Yisrael — turned to it for assistance.

From Amsterdam

It was in 1634 that the Dutch landed on the island, and among their ranks was an interpreter named Cohen. In 1651 a group of Jews arrived but did not remain for long. Eight years later, 70 Jews, headed by Uriel da Costa's nephew, left Amsterdam for Curacao — taking with them a Tora Scroll. They made an auspicious settlement and received land, animals and slaves. The directors of the Dutch West India Company saw in them a useful, dependable and industrious element. From 1680 onwards every Curacao-bound ship brought at least one more family of Jewish settlers.

The community had been founded by 1659 and its regulations were initially inspired by the mother congregation in Amsterdam. However, to be effective they required a rabbi with power of excommunication and the first holder of this office was a distinguished Amsterdam scholar, Josiah Fardo, who had been a classmate of Spinoza. The complete list of communal regulations makes fascinating reading. Here are some examples:

- Anyone writing verses, sonnets or satires injurious to another shall pay 24 florins to the community.
 - The Mahamad shall twice warn a member leading a scandalous mode of life. If he persists in his ways, the Mahamad shall petition the governor to banish him from the island.
 - A person who raises his voice insolently in the Synagogue against a neighbour, whether man or woman, will be fined 25 pesos.
 - A person who offends by deeds (i.e., striking) a neighbour, whether man or woman, in the Synagogue, will be fined 50 pesos.
- And here is one quote in extenso to give its full flavour:
- "As honour and chastity of the daughters of Israel is one of the virtues so highly esteemed in our Holy Law and regarded as the true essence of their beauty, the gentlemen of the Mahamad having remarked

the wanton dissipation and unspeakable excesses between the young men and maidens of our Nation, their unbridled levity and frivolity which, because of their close association with each other, very often results in the girls' yielding their honour on the young man's promise of marriage and without thought of preserving the glory of their forebears they degrade it by their ugly, filthy, ignominious deeds and disgrace their family honour without caring about the betrayal of a negative precept of having carnal intercourse prohibited and forbidden in our Holy Law to a menstruating woman in which they become accomplices to a crime, the penalty for which is divine extirpation. All the while not foreseeing possible death for the young man after the commission of that vile deed and perdition and dishonour for her:

"...Henceforth the Mahamad will abandon them for what they are and when they come to marry each other, or if they are obliged to marry, neither the Mahamad nor the Hazzanim nor the gentlemen of the Mahamad will sign their marriage contract but shall have it executed by someone of the Mahamad's choice nor will the transgressors be assigned any mitzvah customarily performed by bridegrooms. Should this happen to the daughter of one receiving a stipend or allowance from this Holy Congregation, excepting where it is patently clear that she was forced, God forbid, the father of such a girl shall be dismissed from the service and his stipend cut off.

"This notice shall serve as a warning to all fathers, brothers, or guardians over these boys and girls to watch over their sons and daughters in order to avoid all cause for scandal, ignominy and immorality in Israel."

Agriculture

Many of the Jews moved into agriculture and were plantation owners. It was they who introduced cantaloupe, watermelon and eggplant to the island. However, their situation deteriorated as a result of the liberation of the slaves in 1833. The former slaves now refused to work in the fields and gradually the Jews had to give up their plantations. Jews were also prominent in the slave trade and were among the leading shipowners and navigators. They generally did not captain armed vessels or those making long journeys but many manned modest cargo ships. Often they were the ship's clerk or bookkeeper, and Jewish merchants often travelled with their ship or cargo.

The island's maximum prosperity was at the time of the American Revolutionary War, when trade was in Jewish hands and it was the Jews who profited most at this period. In the middle of the 19th century the Jews still had much money at their disposal and it was they, for example, who granted loans to the Venezuelan Government. Wealthy Jews owned not only ships but also dockyards.

Their position is colourfully illustrated by the description of the celebration of Sir Moses Montefiore's 100th birthday in 1884. This was declared a public holiday on the island; government offices were closed and all the ships in the harbour flew their flags. The synagogue thanksgiving service was attended by the Governor and a great firework display was held in the evening. The advent of the steamship

brought a decline in Jewish shipping but Jews became shipping agents and also entered the insurance field.

For the first two centuries of its existence the community maintained its growth. Various synagogues were built, with the present richly ornamented building being consecrated in 1832. To this day its floor is kept covered with a layer of white sand (probably a survival of the Marrano custom to cover floors of secret synagogues to muffle the sound). Until the end of the 18th century, this sand was especially imported from Jerusalem. Jerusalem sand was also placed on the eyelids of the dead before burial. Religious life was part of daily existence. The planter did not work his slave on Saturdays. The navigator took along his Tallit and Tefilin and a barrel of kosher meat, and when there were several Jews on board ship, a shofet was brought along to kill the fowl. The Jewish festivals were celebrated with splendour. Purim was a 10-day feast with fireworks. Wedding celebrations were opulent and among the affluent the grandfather's Bar-Mitzvah gift to his grandson was a slave.

Synagogue and communal life were taken very seriously and there were continual conflicts and even public brawls around these matters. These make vivid reading. Some of the inter-family disputes led to street rioting and have a Capulet Montague ring. There were even serious fights in the cemetery during burial and the governor had to send soldiers to keep the peace at funerals. Other fighting in the synagogue led to imprisonment.

Reform

From the 1840s a new religious dispute broke out with the beginnings of a Reform movement. In 1864 the Reform congregation was founded. However, shortly after the split, the members of the Orthodox congregation adopted a series of regulations in the direction of Reform showing that the grounds of the split were more personal than ideological. The new regulations of the Orthodox allowed for a mixed choir (albeit with separate seating), an organ (but played by a non-Jew), the introduction of Esh-Mitzvah, the removal of the latticework in the ladies' gallery, and the elimination of the repetition of the silent Amidah prayer.

From the 19th century the Jewish population began to decline, but Ashkenazim started to arrive in the 1920s and now number 100 families. Since 1959 they have had their own synagogue. Today there are 300 Jews on the island, but every second marriage is mixed. This may herald the eventual disappearance of this historical community, whose distinguished history has been documented in such monumental detail in these impressive volumes.

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Israel for the young

ISRAEL by Brenda Colloms. London, Hart-Davis. 112 pp. £1.05.

Reviewed by Eliezer Yellin

DESIGNED for the general secondary-school pupil, this book sketches the history of the Jewish People from Abraham to Golda Meir. It is interestingly illustrated with photographs, some not generally available.

Writing with the enthusiasm of a travel-brochure writer, the author tries to answer, in general terms such questions as "why the Jews need a state" and "the Palestine refugee problem and how it all came about." While the book is generally accurate and necessarily simplifies complex issues, the author on occasion allows her broad generalizations to get out of hand. One may wonder at the observation that "parties of school children scamper around Shalom Tower all wearing coloured linen hats to protect them from the hot sun." And surely there is more

to be said about religion in Israel than that "the religious influence can be felt by the fact that public rooms at hotels bar smoking on the Sabbath." And many, including the U.S. Government, may be surprised to learn that John Foster Dulles withdrew the U.S. offer to help Egypt build the Aswan Dam only because Abdul Nasser refused to make peace with Israel.

Such harmless exaggeration and generalization is compounded by the author's trying to make a case for partition by citing Ireland and India as two successful examples.

For all that, the book is a reasonable little introduction to the subject. It is the latest in Hart-Davis' Young Historian Book Series edited by Patrick Rooke, which includes such works as "Ancient Russia" and "Modern Japan."

ON PORNOGRAPHY

By George P. Elliott

PORNOGRAPHY is like a squalid, unnecessary little country which owes its independence to a vagary of history... Furthermore, the opinion that pornography should not be restrained I regard as being commonly a symptom of doctrinaire liberalism and occasionally an evidence of destructive nihilism... Pornography is the representation of directly or indirectly erotic acts with an intrusive vividness which offends decency without aesthetic justification... Psychologically, the trouble with pornography is that in our culture at least, it offends

the sense of separateness, of individuality, of privacy; it intrudes upon the rights of others... If you want to destroy society... then you need pornography... There is a middle distance from which to look at a man, the flexible distance of decency and art, of civilized society, which defines both a man looking and a man looked at; and from this distance human beings can look pretty good, important, even beautiful sometimes, worthy of respect.

From "Writers and Issues," edited and with an introduction by Theodore Solotaroff, N.Y., New American Library-Signet, 1970, 264 pp., \$1.25.

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Tisha Be'Av, the ninth day of the month of Av, when the destruction of the Temple is commemorated, falls tomorrow night. Dr. Menahem Artom discusses the significance of

the fast day, now that the Temple site is in Jewish hands. He advocates the rebuilding of the Temple, but not on the original site, which should be left as it is now.

NEW MEANING FOR TISHA BE'AV FAST

(RHUS says the Lord of Hosts, the fast of the fourth (month), the fast of the fifth and the fast of the seventh and the fast of the eighth shall be for the house of Judah, and gladness and cheerful feasts, before love the truth and peace' (Zecharia, 8:19).

FROM this verse, which contains the answer to the question put by Jews returning from the Babylonian diaspora, whether they should continue fasting in the fifth month (v) even after the renewal of the Temple service in Jerusalem, much can be learned about the nature of the fast days in general and about Tisha Be'Av in particular.

The answer God gives through the prophet shows that there is a maximum concerning the character of the day, which can change radically from deepest mourning to sadness and feasting. Another fundamental principle is stressed in the prophet's reply, answering the question as to whether to continue with the custom (minhag) of mourning, even after the effects of the sad event which caused the mourning in the past place, have undergone a change. There is no doubt that this is the basic moral principle which is involved here in Zecharia's opinion.

It is much more important than the actual ceremonial element. In this sense, it is at one with the earlier prophets of the First Temple period, who stressed the importance of morality, integrity and love of man, as opposed to the bringing of sacrifices and visiting the Temple precincts.

these commandments were of little value unless peoples observed the commandments ruling behaviour between man and his fellow man.

Here, too, together with the announcement that the fast days would eventually be abolished entirely and turned into feast days, the prophet warns and says: In the last analysis the main thing is not whether you do or do not fast, but whether your actions are geared towards truth and peace.

Truth and peace

It is very much a question, whether Zecharia's prophecy concerning the abolishment of Tisha Be'Av existed already during the Second Temple period, or whether our forefathers continued to keep the fast during that time. It is just those traditions which are usually marshalled to prove that the fast was not abolished during the Second Temple period that can easily be used to prove the opposite.

But that is not the main thing, either for the prophet or for us. Considerations of truth and peace were not always the guidelines our fathers followed during the Second Temple period. According to rabbinic tradition it was causeless hatred—the very opposite of the love of peace—which led to the destruction of the Second Temple and in turn to a renewal and strengthening of the tradition of the four fast days.

During the entire period of the Diaspora, Jews continued to observe the four fasts mentioned by Zecharia, because the conditions for turning fast days into feast days had not occurred. The changes which have taken place during the past 25 years, however, and more especially the liberation of Jerusalem, raise the question whether one should continue to observe the traditional fasts.

Without entering here into the problem of the other three fast days, it appears that both according to plain commonsense and according to the majority of halachic authorities, there is no reason to stop fasting on Tisha Be'Av. This is because the main reason for our mourning, the destruction of the Temple and the removal of its site from our control, still obtain. This in spite of the fact that we have regained political control over Jerusalem and the Temple Mount.

Just the same it would seem reasonable that the customs and prayers of the day should not remain completely unchanged. On the contrary, the momentous events we have witnessed call for changes in the wording of the prayers and even more in our mental attitude to the day. In this respect it is especially the words of the prophet pertaining to the love of truth and peace which should be our guide.

Let us examine frankly what our feelings on Tisha Be'Av have been in the past and what they are now. Can we continue regarding the day as if nothing at all had happened? We bewail the loss of our Temple and pray for our return to our country and the reestablishment of the Temple. With few exceptions nobody is likely to take such an attitude. It is a fact that our status of servitude has changed. It is a fact that we are masters in Israel and in Jerusalem. It is a fact, if the Temple Mount itself continues to be under the control of non-Jews and that we are not reestablishing the Temple on it, this is the result of our own decision.

Spiritual centre

I start from the assumption that almost everyone agrees that it would be a good thing if we again had a "Temple," in the sense of a unique spiritual and religious centre. This would apply, whether we are thinking of a Temple in terms of the renewal of the sacrificial service, or the way Herzl envisioned it in his "Altneuland," or in some other way. In my opinion this assumption is vital not only for those who are traditional, but also for those who are secular. For, if we remove this spiritual motivation from the Jewish people and from Jerusalem it remains no longer plausible why we consider Jerusalem different from any other part of the country and why we will not give it up under any circumstances. Anybody who categorically denies our aspiration for the establishment of a spiritual centre in Jerusalem, automatically removes the basis for our strong claims for control of the city.

It is obvious that since we have no such spiritual centre today it is appropriate to mourn for its absence. But the form this mourning should take cannot be the same as in the past.

Even before the liberation of Jerusalem I heard the opinion expressed that thought should be given to the establishment of a temple or an institution similar to the first Temple, in another location within the 1948 borders of Israel. In any case, he who prays on Tisha Be'Av for the liberation of Jerusalem from the yoke of the nations and for an end to its desolation, that person is as far from the truth as East is from West. He denies the facts, whether out of regard for tradition,



(Micha Bar-Am)

or whether he feels that if he admits that things have taken a turn for the better, this will lead to a break with the stand his forefathers have taken during centuries of Diaspora.

The concrete recognition of the new situation must take the form of plans directed at the eventual establishment of a Third Temple. This action must be different from the preparations of many Orthodox circles on this subject (and on others), who habitually raise so many difficulties that practical action becomes virtually impossible.

According to the dynamic approach, based on conditions created over centuries and coupled with our striving today for peace—that same peace which is so basic a tenet of Judaism and which is also mentioned by the prophet in connection with the abolition of Tisha Be'Av—it would be better to relinquish the desire to reestablish the Temple on its original site and to build it instead in another part of Jerusalem. This regardless of whether a reestablishment of the sacrificial service is planned or not.

There are not many bold enough to raise such a possibility especially if they count themselves among the Orthodox. Although there is no doubt that the idea generally goes against the rabbinic attitude and views held already during the Second Temple period, it cannot be said that it absolutely contravenes basic ideas regarding the Temple in Jewish tradition. It is well known that the Torah does not mention Jerusalem at all as the site of the Temple, but always uses the phrase "the place which God will select. It is as if the Torah envisioned the possibility of the Jewish people at some future date being induced to change the site of the Temple.

Giving up the site

The fact that the site has been defiled for centuries by idol worship or near-idol worship by the various invaders, and the fact that it has been used as a cemetery and has witnessed all kinds of acts repulsive to Jews, could bring us to think that it might actually be better to abandon the site and leave it to the non-Jews now occupying it.

By such action we would also underline another basic Jewish tenet, namely, that there is no absolute holiness except in God. Dead bones, places, etc., are holy only if and to the degree that they are used for holy purposes and as long as such use continues. And since eternal holiness is an attribute of the Divinity only, the very fact of the transfer of holiness to another site could serve to underline that truth.

Relinquishing the site of the Temple could also constitute a great gesture of peace towards the Moslems, and perhaps it would in certain measure fulfil the words of the prophet "for My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations."

Our agreement to let the Moslems remain on the Temple Mount—keeping in mind that Moslems are not idol worshippers and that they observe the seven Noahic Commandments as far as they apply between man and God—may constitute on our part a fulfilment of the prophetic aim, even though such fulfilment would take a different form from that anticipated by our sages. It might, in fact, even exceed the bounds of what the prophet himself intended.

Although the above thoughts go against tradition, they are legitimate.

mate and may dovetail with trends of thought regarding a renewed development of the Halacha in its true spirit. That true spirit is equally opposed to the ossification and freezing of Halacha advocated by the Orthodox, and the falsification and abandoning of all restraints advocated by the various reform movements.

In conclusion — a Jew who is conscientious and honest with himself, a Jew who is "concerned," must continue to mark Tisha Be'Av as a day of mourning. The accent must be, however, on the fact that we as Jews have not done enough to reestablish the Temple. We must omit those expressions of mourning which no longer fit today's circumstances, but rather serve as an excuse for our continued inactivity.

Dr. Artom, a rabbi, is editor of the periodical "Torat Hain" and son of the late Rabbi Eliezer Artom, the noted Bible commentator. He is also a senior official of the Civil Service Commission.

Camps held for Gaza youngsters

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASEKELON. — From a small beginning with 400 children in 1969 the Welfare Ministry's summer camp programme for Gaza Strip children has now grown to embrace 10,000 youngsters. On a tour of camps in the National Park here and on the Ashdod sea front over the weekend Dr. Moshe Kurtz, Director-General of the Welfare Ministry, told the press that a total of 6,400 children from the Gaza Strip and 3,600 from El Arish will this year enjoy summer vacations at five camps organised by his Ministry. The other three camps are in Gaza, Khan Yunis and Rafah.

Dr. Kurtz announced that the number of families in the Gaza Strip requiring welfare assistance for their daily food requirements has gone down from 15,100 in June 1967 to 8,290 now. The number of families requiring financial assistance, however, has risen from 292 in 1967 to 3,250 now, he said. In view of improved economic conditions in the Gaza Strip social workers are now stressing social rehabilitation, rather than pure welfare operations, he added.

Readers' letters

The sanctity of Yad Vashem

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — May I register a protest on behalf of a group of 25 visitors from Britain who attended the service on Friday morning, June 18, at Yad Vashem. Despite the announcement that photography was not permitted, a photographer accompanying an American party was allowed to take almost a dozen flashlight photos during the service, approaching to within a few feet of the officiants and participants during the Yizkor and Kaddish. Needless to say, many of us were deeply distressed by this unfeeling intrusion, but even more so when it was learned from the officiants that permission had been granted by a higher-up of the Yad Vashem administration.

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I. L. MILLER

Netanya (London), June 18.

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BINYAMIN ARMON

Director,
Commemoration and Information
Department
Jerusalem, July 12.

Cruelty to animals in Israel

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — One of the reasons my husband and I came to this country was to raise our future family in a free Jewish spirit. However, I am appalled by the behaviour of Israeli children — especially their total disregard and ill treatment of animal life.

Since we have been in this country, I cannot count the number of times I have seen cats and dogs dropped from the roofs of buildings, hung by ropes and wires, drowned and slapped, kicked and beaten. I am quickly becoming a fanatic on the subject. Unfortunately, to date, we have only succeeded in rescuing a

few animals from the clutches of their young tormentors.

In a country whose people have experienced tremendous inhumanity and persecution, the worst ravages of injustice and loss of life, the act of taking any life, especially life of a creature which cannot defend itself, seems incomprehensible.

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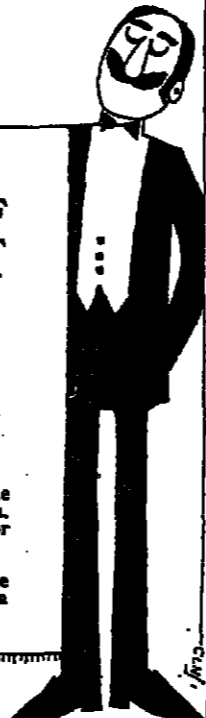
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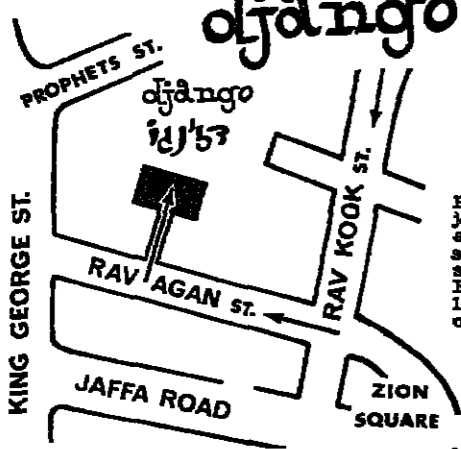
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Ambitious effort falls flat

I WENT to the premiere of ESCAPE TO THE SUN (Hod, Tel Aviv, Ron, Jerusalem and Orah, Haifa) with more than usual curiosity about a new Israel co-production. Menahem Golan, director and co-writer of the screenplay with Joseph Gross, who is Israel's most prolific director-producer with great appeal for the wide public (his "Lupo," "The Highway Queen" and "Katz and Carasso" each drew some 800,000 viewers) had tackled a serious human-political theme of a type unusual for him, had included international stars in his cast and had filmed the whole picture in Europe.

He is a competent if heavy-handed director and one could but wonder if he would rise to the occasion.

It would be pleasant to be able to say that "Escape to the Sun" is a distinguished film that does some sort of justice to its essentially dramatic and poignant subject — most readers will know that the story concerns the attempt of a group of Soviet Jews to escape to Israel by hijacking a plane and refuels to the Leningrad Trials of two years ago — but I am afraid it



At the Cinema

is not more than an average offering, ploddingly directed and not particularly well acted.

It is a film that can be watched with a certain interest but it made no real impression or impact on me for two main reasons: This sort of film that deals with a period and events about which we are knowledgeable (few people have not read about or met some of the new Soviet immigrants and learned their stories) demands above all an atmosphere of authenticity, of reality. And it is just this atmosphere that is lacking. It all seems staged, theatrical, and David Gurin's dramatic photography of close-ups of people and interiors with its strong contrasts of light and shade often beautiful in itself, adds to the feeling of theatricality. And then the characterization of the main protagonists is not established at any depth or developed.

Most of the would-be escapes are flat figures not sufficiently realized to arouse real sympathy. True, Lella Kedrova as Sara Kaplan, with her ravaged face and haunted eyes, does give the impression of a suffering soul (interposition of newsreel type of scenes indicates she had been in a concentration camp) and Josephine Chaplin as her daughter, Nina, emerges as a girl of character and we can believe that she, the only one eventually to make her escape to the sun, will be able to rebuild her life. As for Jascha, the student who marries Nina, as played by Yehuda Barkan, who was maybe intimidated by having to speak English (the language of the film), he is a completely colourless character, conveying little emotion even under the stress of prison interrogation or fleeing for his life.

But the biggest disappointment is Laurence Harvey in the leading role, that of the Commissar. He is a rather ambiguous figure who on the one hand spies on the group and hunts them down and at the same time tries to help the Kaplan mother and daughter whose neighbor he had been many years previously. With obviously black-dyed hair and Chinaman's moustache and made up to look like a wax dummy, Harvey plays his part like a sleepwalker and seldom can lines have been delivered with so little expression.

'Land of the spree, home of the knave'

THE Marx Brothers classic DUCK SOUP (Tchelet, Tel Aviv) was made in 1932 and 40 years later its crazy humour with its mixture of visual gags, pantomime and rapid repartee is still able to elicit roars of laughter from the audience, although some of the verbal puns have lost their sparkle.

Groucho, eyes rolling, eyebrows bristling, chomping on his long cigar, is Prime Minister of Freedonia "land of the spree and home of the knave" and Chico with his Italian organ-grinder's garb and accent, and the silent Harpo, who does not play the harp here, are two spies employed by the ambassador of the neighbouring state of Sylvania. While Groucho dashes about madly, Chico and Harpo get into his and everybody else's way climaxing in a marvellous scene with the three Marxes dressed as Groucho dazedly circling round one another.



Egyptian belly dancer Lanna Izmir at an International Folk Fair in San Francisco. (AP radiophoto)

Extraordinary pianist

PIANO Recital by William Masseles (The Jerusalem Khan — July 16). Schumann: "Davidbänderspieler," opus 8; Charles Ives: Sonata No. 1; Liszt: Sonata in B minor.

MASSELOS — at present teaching at the Summer Courses of the Rubin Academy of Music in Jerusalem — is an extraordinary pianist and musician. His technical resources seem unlimited: stamina and brachial strength, especially in his left hand, are most impressive — at times even oppressive under the acoustical conditions of the Jerusalem Khan. Apparently it took some time until the pianist adjusted himself to these limitations and the opening Schumann was over-loud. Yet, in the closing Liszt Sonata Masseles offered some delicately shaded softer passages.

But the robust attack on Schumann may have been premeditated as the interpretation stressed the quasi improvising, gaudy character of the "dances," turning the work into an amazingly modern sounding piece of music, bereft of romanticism and mercifully bare of the sentimentality which is often mistaken for 19th century emotionalism.

The Ives Sonata, written in 1902 but not performed until about 40 years later, is an amazing piece of music which found in William Masseles an ideal interpreter. Buried in millions of notes are a few intriguing ideas, and snatches of American songs and ballad tunes provide the atmosphere for what may be termed American character in music. Ives shows little influence



of other composers — Liszt, perhaps — but anticipates Stravinsky, Gershwin, Bartok in an original way. The pianist further strengthened the imposing impression of his faculties with an overwhelming performance of the Liszt Sonata in B minor. If one is an admirer of this composer, Masseles' presentation must have appeared the ultimate in technical and musical perfection. But for the others, even this stunning performance could not bridge over the laboured elaborations and feet-dragging over dry ground and empty space which covers so much of this work's pages.

The pianist must have felt for himself the slightly exaggerated monumentality of his programme as he generously gave an encore to show yet another side of his musical perfection. The strong dynamics emanating from the grand piano had another, beneficial side-effect — it successfully drowned out, for most of the time, the noise filtering through from the neighbouring discotheque.

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THE REDS ROAR AGAIN

THE Cincinnati Reds who fell apart last year, are roaring again in Major League baseball.

The Reds, smooth as a machine in winning the National League pennant two years ago, won their sixth game in a row Sunday, defeating St. Louis Cardinals 4-1, increasing the Reds' lead over the Houston Astros to 5½ games in the NL West.

The Astros absorbed a doubleheader setback from Pittsburgh's Pirates. Both games were lost by 3-2 scores, with the opener going 10 innings. The sweep gave the Pirates four straight over the Astros and boosted their lead in the NL EAST to 4½ games over the New York Mets, beaten by San Diego 7-3.

The Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Montreal Expos 4-2. The San Francisco Giants whipped the Philadelphia Phillies 10-7, and the Chicago Cubs downed the Atlanta Braves 5-3 in other NL games.

In the American League, the Detroit Tigers blanked the Kansas City Royals 2-0, the Oakland Ath-

SPORTS ABROAD

letios again whacked the New York Yankees 5-2, the Boston Red Sox defeated the Minnesota Twins 6-1, Baltimore overcame the Chicago White Sox 6-1 while California and Milwaukee split a twin bill. The Angels took the opener 1-0 and the Brewers the righthand 2-1. Bobby Tolán's homerun broke a 1-1 in the fifth to put the Reds ahead for good over the Cardinals. Pittsburgh won the opener against Houston when Bob Robertson was hit by a pitch ball with the bases loaded in the 10th. Bruce Kison and reliever Dave Glass in the ninth combined for a five-hitter to win the second game for the Pirates.

The Padres tied the score at 3-3 in the sixth on a two-run single by Enzo Hernandez, then capital-

ed on two errors to score four runs in the seventh to beat the Mets. Baseball standings after Sunday's games

| AMERICAN LEAGUE | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|------|----|
| TEAM | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Detroit | 48 | 35 | .580 | — |
| Baltimore | 47 | 36 | .566 | 1 |
| Boston | 39 | 44 | .475 | 8 |
| New York | 37 | 41 | .474 | 9 |
| Cleveland | 34 | 46 | .425 | 12 |
| Milwaukee | 32 | 47 | .405 | 13 |
| NATIONAL LEAGUE | | | | |
| TEAM | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Pittsburgh | 53 | 30 | .639 | — |
| New York | 47 | 34 | .580 | 6 |
| Chicago | 44 | 38 | .538 | 9 |
| St. Louis | 43 | 39 | .524 | 10 |
| Montreal | 35 | 45 | .438 | 16 |
| Philadelphia | 29 | 54 | .349 | 23 |
| EAST | | | | |
| TEAM | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Houston | 51 | 31 | .622 | — |
| Los Angeles | 48 | 35 | .580 | 3 |
| San Francisco | 45 | 38 | .543 | 6 |
| San Diego | 33 | 46 | .415 | 14 |
| San Jose | 28 | 50 | .361 | 19 |

GRAND PRIX

EMERSON Fittipaldi of Brazil drove one of the best races of his short career on Saturday to win the British Grand Prix at Brands Hatch. Fittipaldi's win gave him 43 points in the overall standings for the world championship a lead of over twenty points over Jackie Stewart who was second on Saturday. Yacky Ickx of Belgium led the field until the 49th lap when his Ferrari sprang an oil leak and he had to retire. From then on it was all Fittipaldi whose superior driving kept Stewart in second spot until the end.

ATHLETICS

BRETTAIN'S David Bedford completed a brilliant double in the A.A.A. Championships at Crystal Palace on Friday and Saturday. On Friday he came within three-fifths of a second of Ron Clarke's world record in winning the 5,000 metres. On Saturday he won the 10,000 metres in 27 min 52.8 seconds, a clear 18 seconds faster than anyone has run this year. Bedford who has always failed in major races appears to have overcome his dislike of competition and must be in the reckoning for a medal in the Olympics due to start in Munich next month.

The last part of the film is taken up with the pursuit across the frozen North of Nina and Jascha, who have managed to evade the police who captured the rest of the group. Here the tension is reasonably well maintained.

Jack Hawkins plays the writer, John Ireland the former pilot-hero, Olive Reuel the professor, Yehuda Eilon the photographer and Gila Almagor the judge who presides at the trial which precedes the commencement of the film. While Dov Seltzer's insistent music comes out clearly, the dialogue is occasionally difficult to hear and, at the beginning, I wondered what language Yehuda Barkan was speaking.

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Wage-earners' real income to rise by 8 per cent this year

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent
Wage-earners' income will go up in real terms by eight per cent (after tax) this year...

I'm glad that we have cover for four of five months' imports. We are taking the opportunity of switching from short-term to long-term credits...

Have investments declined? He thinks the statistical change is not significant. Last year "approvals" reached a peak of IL2,600m...

Dreaded mango weevil caught at airport

LOD AIRPORT. — A sharp-eyed Agriculture Ministry inspector here on Sunday saved Israel's burgeoning mango plantations from infiltration by the dreaded mango weevil.

The plant pest, which is unknown in Israel, arrived inside some South African mangoes which an El Al crewman was trying to bring back with him from Johannesburg.

When they were opened in the laboratory, the mangoes were found to contain the weevil (Cryptorhynchus mangifera) in three stages of development.

Cement in ample supply Khan Yunis — but where is it? linked up with grid

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent
Although Government sources assert that the supply of cement is ample to meet demand, small contractors and householders complain loudly about infuriating shortages.

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Khan Yunis. — Khan Yunis yesterday celebrated its connecting up with the Israel national electric grid, leaving only the town of Rafah and a few rural areas in the Gaza Strip still to be linked.

The event was marked by a ceremony attended by Mayor Suleiman Astal, and the Military Governor, Major General Yitzhak Pundak.

Glassworks starts up new furnace

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. The Phoenix glass works this week began warming up the furnace of its new sheet glass plant erected in partnership with the Belgian Glaverbel concern.

Nesher, which manufactures all Israel's cement, has to sell at the controlled price, including imports (which it claims it handles at a loss).

The controlled price is IL130 a ton, including delivery. The free price is IL195, and delivery is extra.

Eilat refinery would mean end to tourism

A professor of geography of the Hebrew University has criticized the recent proposal put forward by Deputy Finance Minister Zvi Dinstein to establish an oil refinery in Eilat.

Bar-Ilan naming law school for Herzog

RAMAT GAN. — Bar-Ilan University is to name its law school after Dr. Ya'acov Herzog, late Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Lands lead rising prices in medium trading

TEL AVIV. — The land and land development sections were market leaders yesterday in the trading on the Stock Market.

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Tel Aviv grocers fight for bigger milk profit

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — No milk will be sold at groceries from August 1, if by that time the Government fails to yield to grocers' demands that the profit on plastic bags of milk be raised by one agora.

Koor to close Ramle Motors

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The closure of Koor's Ramle Motors plant was finally approved by the Hevrat Ovdim governing committee yesterday, over the opposition of the staff committee and the Ramle Labour Council.

Olympic marchpast on Rosh Hashana opposed

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
Mr. Ze'ev Hammer (N.R.P.) has asked for an urgent Knesset debate on the participation of the Israel delegation to the Olympics in the final parade. It will fall on Rosh Hashana, Mr. Hammer said, adding that this would offend Jews both in Israel and abroad.

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'MODEL' FREE TRADE PACT WITH EUROMART AIRED

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent
The kind of "model" Israel would like for a new agreement leading to free trade with the Common Market was discussed with a two-man delegation from the Euromart Commission which left Israel yesterday.

The two officials were Mr. Helmut Sigrist, head of the Commission's External Affairs Department, and Mr. Jean Petit-Laurent. They spent two days in Israel. Mr. Avraham Agmon, Director-General of the Treasury, who is now the dominant figure in negotiations with the Common Market, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that Israel's preferential trade agreement with the EEC has been superseded by the accession of Britain, Ireland, Norway and Denmark.

"Our situation in Britain will be worsened by her assumption of the European tariff," he said. "The three main Israeli commodities affected are oranges, fruit juices and plywood. The British tariffs are five per cent, zero and six per cent respectively while the European tariffs are 12, 20 and 18 per cent. We secured a five per cent duty on our oranges in hard negotiations under the Kennedy Round, and Britain won concessions from us in return. We cannot agree that the tariff we have to pay should be doubled unilaterally, owing to a separate agreement between Britain and other powers," he declared.

As Israel's existing agreement with the Market cannot be renegotiated until April 1, 1974, she proposed a standstill on Britain's tariffs in her favour until that date.

Spiegel taken off plane by police

LOD AIRPORT. — Tel Aviv Maccabi football star Giora Spiegel was taken off an El Al plane here last night moments before he was to leave for England to try out for the first-division Tottenham Hotspurs team.

The doors of the plane were already closed when the police came for Spiegel, who was escorted by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on June 30 from leaving the country until he deposits a IL6,750 guarantee to cover a debt he is said to owe. Spiegel had been invited to train with Tottenham manager Billy Nicholson after Nicholson saw him play here in a game against the English team. (Itm)

Galilee boy drowns in lake

JERUSALEM Post Reporter
TIBERIAS. — The body of a 16-year-old boy who drowned in Lake Kinneret on Sunday floated back to shore yesterday.

The boy, Ali Ahmed Zakal of Tur'an village on the Nazareth-Tiberias road, had been seen entering the water on Sunday afternoon near the Galei Kinneret hotel. Zakal, who apparently did not know how to swim, sank and vanished about 100 metres off shore. Searches were fruitless. The body surfaced yesterday near where he drowned.

Tel Aviv cracks down on illegal bathing

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — City inspectors and police officers have begun issuing summonses and fining persons who are caught bathing at beaches where swimming is forbidden.

Most cases of drowning occur at unguarded spots, where swimming may be extremely hazardous. Bathing is only permitted under the supervision of lifeguards. Signs have been put up at all other beaches warning the public away.

Thus far, 23 fines have been composed this summer of IL100 each.

TODAY'S POSTBAG

THE MINISTRY of Tourism yesterday named Mr. Raphael Baron head of research and statistics of its Planning Section. Prior to this appointment he worked at the Central Bureau of Statistics.

40 TEL AVIV high school graduates, members of the Labour Party youth division, will join Kibbutz Merom Hagolan this summer on their induction for national service as part of the Nahal framework.

A FIRE at Ene's Erak's Ostrov cotton-processing plant on Monday caused damage put at tens of thousands of pounds. Eight fire companies battled three hours to contain the blaze, which wrecked equipment. The factory was not insured.

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It proved to be technically not feasible. "But the law passed in Britain's Parliament last week on the Common Market enacts a general tariff standstill for one year after she joins, until January 1, 1974 — so we have breathing space," Mr. Agmon smiled.

A new suggestion by the French is that a fresh global free trade treaty be negotiated with Spain and Israel. At Holland's initiative, this proposal has been extended to comprise all countries in the Mediterranean area.

The "model" for this treaty would be the arrangement negotiated with EFTA countries (six of which remain outside, after the accession of the four to the Common Market). They are to achieve free trade with the EEC over a number of years.

In the weekend discussions with the two delegates from Brussels, Israel made it known that she accepts this approach, with one important modification. The model as seen by the Europeans is confined to industrial goods, which may be satisfactory to Portugal, the first

Escaped terrorist meets fiery end

JERUSALEM Post Reporter
GAZA. — Ahmed Shehade Amran, the 22-year-old terrorist who escaped from Ashkelon prison on May 10 by hiding in a bread truck, was killed in a fiery shoot-out with an army patrol yesterday afternoon.

A soldier of the unit was wounded by the only shot fired by the cornered terrorist.

Amran was hiding out in a house near the sea shore at the small village of Nuseirat, south of here, and about a half-kilometre from the large refugee camp.

Searching the house, the soldier noticed a concealed bunker underneath the building. The commander called out, "Come out with your hands up."

The terrorist appeared at the entrance — with a Kalashnikov rifle in his hands. He fired once and then his weapon jammed. The bullet hit a soldier, but the wound was not serious, it was later learned.

The soldiers returned fire with automatic weapons and grenades. Amran was apparently killed instantaneously but the entire bunker collapsed on top of him from the grenade blasts. A fire spread through the house, which was totally destroyed.

A bulldozer was brought in to extricate the half-charred body. Members of Amran's family, who live in the nearby refugee camp, later identified the body. Amran was buried yesterday afternoon in the camp's cemetery.

Villagers claimed they didn't know Amran had been hiding out in their midst.

It is learned Amran first sought shelter with his family immediately after his escape, but they refused to take him in.

Security officials said Amran had been one of the most dangerous terrorists on the wanted list. A member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine since 1969, he was commander of the PFLP cells at all the refugee camps in the Gaza Strip. He was convicted of killing six persons with his own hands, including one Israeli Arab for "collaborating with the Jews, and of numerous grenade throwings, ambushes of military vehicles and planting of mines."

He was first captured in April 1970. In June 1971 he was sentenced by the Gaza Military Court to life imprisonment at hard labour. In sentencing him, one of the judges commented, "He is not a freedom fighter but a murderer with the soul of a monster."

Seen as ploy Some Berem villagers offer to convert

JERUSALEM Post Staff
NAZARETH. — A proposal of several former inhabitants of Berem village on the Lebanon border that they convert to the Jewish faith to qualify to return to their village was received with incredulity by the religious Jewish establishment and with anger by their own Maronite clergy. They were evacuated from Berem for security reasons 24 years ago.

Political observers commented that the proposal was an attempt to influence public opinion at a time when the request to return to Berem is being dealt with at the highest level.

Maronite notables with whom *The Post* spoke, explained yesterday that most of those who had advanced the conversion idea were devout church-going Christians. They doubted whether the proposal was meant seriously.

Rabbi Ya'acov Rosenthal, head of the Rabbinical Court in Haifa, said that Jewish religious leaders admitted to the faith only persons motivated by love of Judaism and its teachings, not people whose conversion was inspired by ulterior motives.

150 DECIDE TO CONVERT

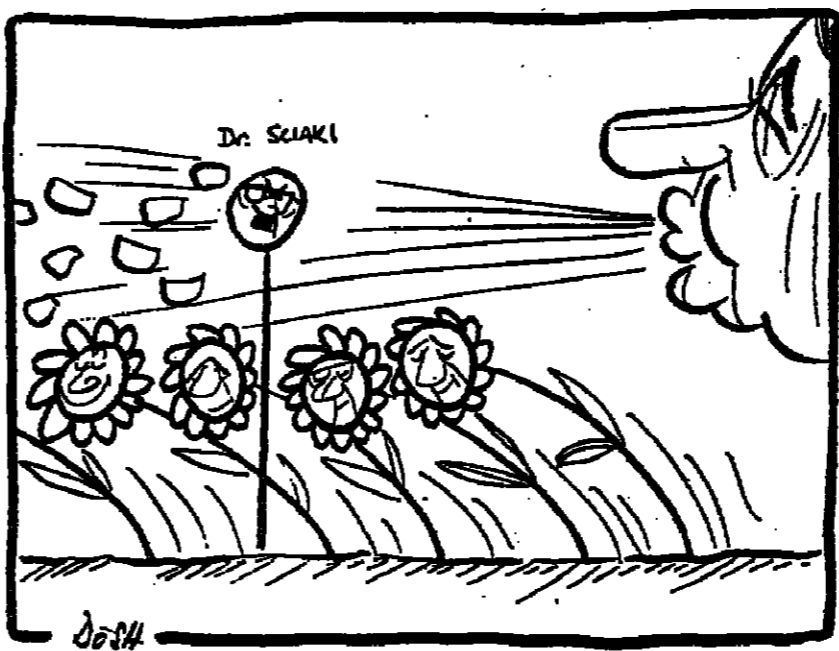
The secretary of the Gush Halav Local Council, Mr. Mattanus Ayoub, who has been a leader in the back-to-Berem agitation, told *The Post* that the decision to explore conversion was taken by a meeting of 150 heads of families in Gush Halav Sunday night. Most of the Berem villagers now live in Gush Halav.

He said that the villagers had not resisted the Israeli forces in 1948, had demonstrated unquestioning loyalty to the State in the 24 intervening years, had a Supreme Court

EFTA country affected, because only 25 per cent of her exports to Europe are agricultural.

But 45 per cent of Israel's exports are agricultural (a definition which includes canned products). Israel's exports to the Six last year came to \$350m., whereas her purchases from the E.E.C. totalled \$350m. — 85 per cent of it industrial goods. Accordingly the Ministerial Economic Committee, sitting in Jerusalem on Sunday, stated that "a solution should be found for agricultural exports" — and this is the message that was communicated to Mr. Sigrist and Mr. Petit-Laurent.

A Belgian proposal has aroused interest. It takes into account that the British tariff is to be adapted in five equal yearly stages, that is by 20 per cent each year. The Belgian Government proposed that, as negotiations take time, the increase should be slowed down for Spain and Israel to five per cent (of the tariff adjustment) per year. This recommendation was opposed by the French.



Allon tells Knesset of Sciaky's sacking

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Minister of Education Yigal Allon yesterday formally notified the Knesset of Dr. Avner Sciaky's dismissal from his post as Deputy Education Minister. The decision was taken by the Cabinet on Sunday, he said, in accordance with the Basic Law: Government.

The House Rules do not allow for a motion of no confidence in a Minister of the Government. The President refused to recognize as urgent three opposition motions for the agenda questioning the Deputy Minister's dismissal. They will be heard in a week or two.

In his extremely brief statement Mr. Allon said that it was with "sorrow" he brought notice of the dismissal to the House. The decision had been taken because Dr. Sciaky violated the principle of collective responsibility which forms the basis of the Coalition when he voted for the Lorincz and Kahana amendments to the Law of Return.

Dr. Sciaky was not in the plenum at the time of the Minister's statement, nor were any members of his N.R.P. faction, apart from Dr. Yosef Goldschmidt.

The internal turmoil in the N.R.P.'s Knesset faction seethed for a while yesterday, but had mostly subsided by the time Mr. Allon came to the plenum to make the formal announcement.

Dr. Sciaky, who made sure of keeping hour-by-hour contact with the communications media with a series of not-always-consistent statements, told "This Morning," the radio's breakfast-time newsheet, that he was withdrawing his resignation letter to the Cabinet of the evening before.

Dr. Sciaky's N.R.P. faction held a stormy three-hour caucus session yesterday afternoon. The faction split, with the majority voting in effect against the dismissed ex-Deputy Minister of Education. Only Dr. Yitzhak Raphael supported him.

The first test came when Dr. Raphael suggested that the entire handling of the Sciaky dismissal be referred to the N.R.P. party executive. This was defeated by five votes against two (Sciaky and Raphael).

Then a motion by faction chairman Mrs. Tova Sanhedrai to take note of the N.R.P. Ministers' explanation of their abstention in the Cabinet vote on the dismissal, was carried by nine votes to two (Raphael and Sciaky). Finally came a motion by "Young Guard" M.K. Yehuda Ben Meir appealing to Sciaky to remain active in the faction and the party, which was carried by nine against two (Raphael and Sciaky).

Dr. Raphael argued at the caucus that the three NRP Ministers should never have agreed at the Sunday Cabinet session to allow a vote on the dismissal, and should have sought a deferral.

Dr. Sciaky accused his faction leadership of deciding (last week) to seek the advice of great rabbis, then ignoring their advice, and abstaining on the "Who's a Jew" bill. Dr. Sciaky said he would like to fight for his ideas about halachic conversion legislation inside the faction, but if this proved impossible, he would draw the appropriate conclusions.

Religious Affairs Minister Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, who came to the caucus with 80.5 degrees of fever, despite doctor's orders, said that it was most praiseworthy to "sanctify the Holy Name" (as the Aguda had lauded Dr. Sciaky when he voted for them) — provided the martyr was willing to waive the fruits of martyrdom in this world and enjoy them only in the next.

Social Welfare Minister Michael

Hazani warned Dr. Sciaky during the caucus that if he ever repeated publicly his charge that the three Ministers had let him down deliberately in the Cabinet, they would all sue him for slander.

Dr. Sciaky's faction colleagues, meanwhile, have been taken aback by his reaction to his ouster. After pinning his hopes on Mr. Allon's attempts to stay his dismissal, he telephoned the Prime Minister's office on Sunday morning, and demanded that the dismissal vote be held up till he stated his case in the Cabinet. This having been turned down, he sent his aide along to the Cabinet Secretary's press briefing and vainly demanded the right to make an official statement. Yesterday his aide tried to persuade Mr. Allon's aides to postpone the Deputy Premier's official dismissal announcement.

Ben-Porat resigns as Secretary of Labour Party

TEL AVIV. — Mr. Mordechai Ben-Porat M.K. has resigned from the post of Deputy-Secretary General of the Labour Party.

In a letter to ex-Raf members of the Party Central Committee, he charged that "vested interests" were blocking any progress towards real party unity. He also charged that major policy decisions were being adopted outside the elected forums of the Labour Party.

Mr. Ben-Porat charged that the personal composition of the top parliamentary bodies, such as the Leadership Bureau and its Secretariat, work against any meaningful discussion. The fact that the central ex-Mapal ministers were missing from the Leadership Bureau obliged the Party Secretary-General to clarify policy outside this forum.

Mr. Ben-Porat said he accepts "the need for prior discussions, but when they become mere dictation, they distort the authority of the body that was authorized to make the policy decisions. The Leadership Bureau Secretariat is left with a purely technical role."

El Al: More strikes will put it in red

LOD AIRPORT. — El Al announced yesterday that strikes had caused a serious downturn in the airline's fortunes during the first quarter (April-June) of the current fiscal year. The company's maintenance workers are threatening a renewal of their work slowdown.

The airline spokesman, who put the loss for the three-month period at IL2m, said that there had been no actual drop in bookings but that passenger growth this year had been less than projected. He added that El Al's operating budget for 1972/73 was very finely balanced, and that any wage settlement that went beyond the agreed Government-Eilatrat guidelines (of a three per cent rise this year and another three per cent in 1973/74) would put the airline firmly in the red.

The maintenance workers, who staged a wildcat walkout in April and refuse to recognize the Eilatrat agreement, are demanding regrading and various improvements in wages and working conditions. The outcome will set the pace for new agreements with the rest of El Al's employees.

The company's president, Mr. Mordechai Ben-Ari, last week warned the company's workers that permanent losses would mean dismissals. He appealed to them to waive "exaggerated demands" and to avoid putting El Al together with the rest of the world's airlines in the red after 13 years of prosperity.

Despite the talk of loss, however, *The Jerusalem Post* learned last night that El Al has decided to buy a third jumbo jet from Boeing, and that an official announcement will be made in the next few days. The purchase will be financed by a \$26m. loan from the Export-Import Bank to be repaid over a ten-year period at low interest. (Itm)

Liberals reject Herut attack

JERUSALEM Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Liberal Party executive and Knesset faction last night unanimously rejected the sharp attack on its votes for electoral reform issued by Herut, its Gahal partner, on Sunday evening.

The special meeting was convened at party headquarters here to formulate the official reaction to the Herut announcement. The Herut announcement had raised a question mark over the future of Gahal, accusing the Liberals of joining forces with their political adversaries.

The Liberal Party, in its common view, argued that the party had always held that only by reforming the electoral system could the possibility arise of a change in government. Its support for electoral reform had been public knowledge for years, and Herut had known of its position right from the start.

The Liberal Party communique ended by appealing to Herut to form a joint committee within the Gahal framework which would draft the party's motion for electoral change within the overall framework legislation adopted by the Knesset last week.



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ARRIVALS

Mr. David E. Zyman, City Manager, State of Israel Bonds, Chicago, and Mrs. Zyman.

Egged importing Mercedes buses

LOD AIRPORT. — The Egged bus cooperative has finalized a deal with Mercedes to import the chassis for 115 urban (including Jerusalem) buses, Egged executive Akiva Barzilai said here yesterday on his return from Germany.

The deal aroused considerable opposition from persons who do not want to see the German buses on Israel's roads.

(In the Knesset Economic Committee yesterday, Egged officials said their company was not buying 150 buses for Jerusalem from the Mercedes company of Germany, but only parts. The public, they asserted, would not be able to tell a German bus from a regular bus, since most of the exterior would be made and assembled in Israel.

(The officials said that if the Knesset insists on not having German-made public buses operating in Jerusalem, they would be prepared to consider operating them in "less sensitive" parts of the country.)

COST IL2m.

The chassis will cost about IL2m. The bus bodies will be made here. Mr. Barzilai said that the Israeli body-makers had already received the plans from Mercedes before he left for Germany two weeks ago to settle the details. The chassis would arrive in monthly shipments of about 25 each, starting in October.

Asked whether Egged was aware of the opposition to using the buses, especially in Jerusalem, Mr. Barzilai said he could see no reason for objecting to adding "several dozen" second-hand buses particularly suited to the Capital's narrow streets. Egged had already invested IL500,000 in equipment for maintaining the Mercedes buses at the new garage in Jerusalem's Talpit quarter, he said.

He claimed the objections to the buses were politically motivated. No one objected to the thousands of German cars and buses already rolling on Israel's roads, he said. (Itm)

GALEI ZAHAL will broadcast features today devoted to Air Force Day. From 10.30 a.m., live reports will come from Air Force bases.

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